
HOUSE BILL No. 1708

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-12-78.

Synopsis: Core general education classes. Requires state educational institutions to: (1) jointly develop, with the assistance of the commission for higher education; and (2) offer; core classes that satisfy identical general education requirements at each state educational institution.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-78 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2007]:

4 **Chapter 78. Core General Education Classes**

5 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the
6 commission for higher education.

7 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "core class" refers to a class that
8 satisfies:

9 (1) a general education requirement for a baccalaureate
10 degree; and

11 (2) a general education requirement for an associate's degree.

12 **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "state educational institution"
13 has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-0.5-1.

14 **Sec. 4.** The state educational institutions, assisted by the
15 commission, shall jointly develop core classes that:

16 (1) align with high school Core 40 curriculum requirements
17 and the end of course assessments for Core 40 classes;



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(2) are based on clearly defined learning outcomes and indicate the assessment mechanisms by which a student demonstrates mastery of the outcomes;

(3) fulfill identical general education requirements for:

(A) a baccalaureate degree at state educational institutions that offer baccalaureate degrees; and

(B) an associate's degree at state educational institutions that offer associate's degrees; and

(4) allow a student who successfully completes a core class at one (1) state educational institution to transfer credits for the core class to any other state educational institution.

Sec. 5. (a) Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana and Vincennes University shall each offer an associate's degree in general studies that includes only core classes.

(b) A student who receives an associate's degree described in subsection (a) may transfer all the credits received for the associate's degree to any other state institution to satisfy the general education requirement for a baccalaureate degree.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) The definitions in IC 20-12-78, as added by this act, apply throughout this SECTION.

(b) The commission and the state educational institutions shall develop the core classes required under IC 20-12-78, as added by this act, before June 30, 2009.

(c) The core classes required under IC 20-12-78, as added by this act, must be offered at each state educational institution beginning with the 2010 fall academic semester.

(d) This SECTION expires January 1, 2011.

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